

Docket No. P17493

PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, 19-22, and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,829,480 to Mats V. Hoglund et al. ("Hoglund "). The Office Action also indicates that claims 3-4, 9-10, 15-18, and 23-24 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

This response adds the features from claims 3, 9, 15, and 23 into independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 21, respectively. The present application should therefore be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 732-3927.

Respectfully submitted,

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